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SUBJECT: ICCS: TERMINATION OF PA AND E SERVICES

REFS: JAKARTA 11222, TEHRAN 7594, SAIGON 11646,
SAIGON 12016.

1. FOR JAKARTA AND TEHRAN: YOU MAY WISH TO TELL OST
GOVERNMENT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE PA AND E CANCELLATION
WILL INEVITABLY CAUSE HARDSHIP FOR THE DELEGATIONS BUT
THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SECURE FUNDS FOR
THE COMMISSION TO RESTORE THE SERVICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
WE HAVE APPRECIATED GREATLY THE INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN
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DELEGATIONS' HELP IN DEALING WITH ICCS FINANCIAL CRISES

IN THE PAST. WE WILL APPRECIATE THEIR FOREBEARANCE ON THIS OCCASION AS WELL AND THEIR COOPERATION IN KEEPING THE ICCS OPERATING IN THIS PRESENT CRISIS.

2. FYI: PA AND E BEGAN TERMINATING SERVICES SEPTEMBER 6. THEIR PHASE-OUT HAS BEEN STRETCHED OVER SEVERAL DAYS; THEY STOPPED POL PURCHASES SEPTEMBER 14 AND WILL DISCHARGE THEIR LAST EMPLOYEES ABOUT SEPTEMBER 25. ICCS MIGHT ALSO BREAK PA AND E CONTRACT INTO SEVERAL CONTRACTS WITH SMALLER FIRMS, IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

3. WE HAVE ASKED CONGRESS FOR AN APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT

TO COVER ESSENTIAL COSTS -- MAINLY CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS -- NEEDED TO KEEP THE ICCS FUNCTIONING. THIS REQUEST HAS ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE ON THE HILL, BUT WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE CONGRESSIONAL AGREEMENT TO FUND OUR REQUEST AND TO AUTHORIZE TIDING THE COMMISSION OVER UNTIL THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS COMPLETE. END FYI.

4. FOR SAIGON: APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR TIMELY REPORTING ON THE PA AND E TERMINATION. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE TO RESTRAIN ICCS FROM TAKING ANY PRECIPITOUS STEPS TOWARD REDUCTION OF FIELD PRESENCE, ESPECIALLY IN MR-1. KISSINGER

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